slips stating the balance against each subscriber;

(b)whether it is also a fact that seldom do the management provide such slips to the subscribers;

(c)what is the number of complaints received to this effect by Government from unions, subscribing members and Members of Parliament, year-wise, during the last three years;

(d)what is the number of public sector undertakings among those who violated this provision;

(e) the number of exempted organisations among them;

(f) the number of cases where PF authorities initiated penal action;

(g)what steps have been taken to discipline such defaulters in future; and

(h) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to revamp the Provident Fund Scheme to make it more meaningful ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The segregated information about the number of such complaints is not maintained.

(d) and (e) 23 public sector units, out of 82 exempted establishments are having backlog in issue of account slips.

(f)Nil.

(g) The Central Board of Trustees, Employees' Provident Fund, has set up a Committee to look into the functioning of the exempted establishments.

(h) No, Sir.

Job Seekers on Live Register

2503. SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN:
SMT. MIRA DAS:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that annual report 1990-91 of Ministry of Labour indicates number of job seekers on the live register at the end of the 7th Plan at 34.63 million;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question 50 dated 26th July, 1993 indicates unemployment based on "a weekly status" around 23 million on 1st April, 1992;

(c) if so, whether there is any discrepancy in above statements;

(d) whether it is also a fact that educated unemployed are the largest component in total unemployment, if so, what is the correlated per centage of educated unemployed;

(e) whether it is also a fact that due to lack of vocational training at post-basic level and higher secondary levels being extremely inade quate, educated unemployment is increasing; and

(f) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to overcome this situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A SANGMA) : (a) to (c) The job seekers registered (numbering 34.63 million at the end of the Seventh Plan) with the Employment Exchanges in the country are not necessarily unemployed and registrations being voluntary, not all unemployed persons need register themselves with the Employment Exchanges. The estimates of unemployment given in the Plan Document is 23 million (17 million open unemployment and 6 million severe underemployment) as on 1st April, 1992, is based on unemployment rates worked out by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) during 43rd round.

(d) to (0 The educated constitutes about 40% of the unemployed as per the usual Principal Status based on 43rd round of NSSO. The employment strategy envisaged in the Eighth Plan is expected to generate 42.5 million additional employment opportunities during the period 1992-97 and a continuation of this strategy during the Ninth Plan is expected to generate 475 million additional employment opportunities during the period 1997-2002. The entire backlog of open unemployment and a sizeable part of severe unemployment is expected to be wiped out by 2002 AD.

Achievement of Targetted Plan Investment by States

2504. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many States have defaulted in achieving the targetted plan investment for 1992-93;